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Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The present note contains information on the one-year extension of the country programme for Peru.

In accordance with established procedures, the Executive Director approves the first one-year extension of a country programme.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the one-year country programme extension for Peru, as indicated in the attached table.



One-year country programme extension approved by the Executive Director

Country	Original programme period	Year proposed for extension	Reason and Explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Peru	2006-2010	2011	In 2005, the United Nations country team and its partners in the Government and civil society developed the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), 2006-2010. The objectives of the National Accord and the Poverty Reduction Plan, as well as the recommendations of the Commission for Truth and Reconciliation, formed the basis for the UNDAF. The Government and the United Nations signed the UNDAF, which enabled the continuation of United Nations assistance to the development process. In 2006, a new Government was elected. The United Nations has been implementing the UNDAF in partnership with the new Government. In 2009, the United Nations country team decided to harmonize the next UNDAF with the government cycle and agreed to extend the UNDAF for one year, to enable it to coincide with the end of the present Government and the beginning of the next. The present Government ends in July 2011. The Government has no objection to the extension.	The one-year extension will facilitate the planning processes for the subsequent programmes with the new regional and local governments. The authorities at these levels will be elected in November 2010; their election will usher in a number of changes in the regions where various United Nations organizations have been working. Peru has been encouraging a process of decentralization; the role of regional governments in the areas of education, health and social protection is key to this process. Moreover, many of the gaps and disparities are geographically based. Given the timeline of the joint programming process, the extension of the programme cycle and the fact that the regional and local governments will be in place by the end of 2010, will permit a more participatory process during the development of the next draft country programme document and the country programme action plan.	In order to align its country programme with the UNDAF, UNFPA, along with other United Nations organizations in Peru, has decided to extend the country programme through the end of 2011. The UNFPA country programme will continue to focus on: (a) reproductive health (emphasizing youth and life skills), and safe motherhood, including the promotion of family planning, and will continue to serve vulnerable communities; (b) population and development, with a focus on analysing data from the population census, and on developing national and regional population analyses and planning; and (c) gender equality, male involvement, the prevention of gender-based violence, and care for the victims of such violence. The current country programme provides an adequate framework for all UNFPA-supported projects in Peru.